

Park and Recreation Board
April 24, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Hughes, Dow, Pinker, Schaeffer, Gunion-Rinker, Harris, Miller

Absent: Cooper

Guests: Dion Shepard

Approve March Minutes

March minutes were approved as written, 6-0.

PARB communication

Herrigel asked the group to provide her with input on how best to provide them with information for their monthly meetings. She referred to the last PARB meeting at which Park District staff had asked for support for the north side master plan and noted that some members indicated that they didn't have adequate information to provide input on the plan. She noted that for the newer members, she wanted to make sure she understood what information they needed, what format they preferred, and when they wanted to receive information. She suggested that a project summary might have helped bring everyone up to speed on the project.

Gunion Rinker: In general prefers hard copy – either mailed or picked up at City Hall. Noted that it was hard to locate planning commission docs on City web site and once found, there was too much information to go through. Noted that printing these docs at work would not be appropriate for her.

Pinker: Prefers hard copy (in advance of meetings).

Schaeffer: Like the idea of a summary of the project and history and then can follow up later on the web site if necessary.

Dow: Like the idea of a summary of the project and history (via email for me) and then can follow up later on the web site if necessary.

Harris: Summary would be useful and hard copy also preferred.

Hughes: No specific format preference noted. Commented that he felt strongly that there hadn't been adequate time (or materials) at the March meeting to provide input on the north side plan. He had more substantive comments on the plan than it seemed was being asked for. He reiterated that he felt that the District had failed to adequately address the natural resources aspect of the master plan. He said he had made this comment previously in this process and still wasn't seeing the natural resource focus. He noted that he wanted to support the plan but felt strongly that there should be conditions placed on the approval that would ensure a natural resource plan was developed and implemented. The current plan doesn't address natural resources strongly enough (like Wonderbread with sugar frosting). He shared a document with

the group that described an adaptive management plan for an ecosystem. He described this plan as focusing on:

- What the preferred future conditions of a site are.
- What the existing conditions of a site are.
- What the gap between the preferred future and the existing conditions is.
- A plan for how to achieve the preferred future condition.

Miller: Concerned that if the north side plan drags on too long it may get dropped by the District.

Hughes: Would like to request that Planning Commission adopt the plan but place conditions on it that require the natural resources plan development

Harris: Would like to get this thing DONE!

Dow: Not sure PARB is in a position to give group testimony on this idea. Suggested that individuals attend the Planning Commission meeting to give testimony.

Group consensus:

Herrigel will draft some comments, based on today's discussion and the testimony that Mart submitted to the Planning Commission in April. PARB members will review them via e mail and give her input. The finished document would be submitted to the Planning Commission before the May 22 meeting. Hughes proposed the following items be included in a natural resource plan for the site:

- A map delineating resources on the site (quantification of trees, plants, water etc)
- Desired future condition for the natural areas of the site
- An analysis of the difference between the existing and preferred future conditions
- A proposed plan for achieving the future conditions

Project Updates

Klein Point: RFP to be issued Friday, April 27th. Construction to begin in June 2012.

Wichita Park ROW: A resurfacing project will be completed on Monroe in August of this year. City will try to install additional asphalt near Wichita Park to avoid having to include this in future park development.

Spring Park: Tonia Burns had asked to postpone giving the PARB an update on Spring Park until she has integrated the comments she received from Hughes and the Island Station NDA.

Bowman and Brae: Cayson and Herrigel walked the site yesterday and will be installing posts and cables in certain areas to prevent vehicles driving over the property. NDA has indicated interest in using site for a community garden.

Scott Park: Burnes would like to install some plants and woodchips near the edge of the Scott Park pond. Members in favor of revegetation of this area.

District (DAB) Update

Councilor Miller shared the District budget documents with the group.

May meeting date (reschedule?)

Herrigel announced that she'd be out of town on May 22nd and asked if the group could reschedule their May meeting. Group voted to schedule their May meeting for May 14th at 7:30 AM at City Hall. Dow noted she would not be able to attend.

Dates to remember:

April 26 @ 6 PM	Budget Committee Hearing at City Hall
May 4 @ 5 PM	Volunteer Recognition at City Hall
May 22 @ 6:30 PM	Planning Commission hearing on North side Master Plan for NCP
May 24 @ 6 PM	Budget Committee Hearing at City Hall
May 31 @ 6 PM	Final Budget Committee Hearing at City Hall